



## **1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Inter-Parliamentary Dialogue on the modernisation of road transport legislation**

**Moscow, 27 March 2013**

### **Joint Statement**

Representatives of legislative bodies of the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic, the Latvian Republic, the Lithuanian Republic, the Republic of Moldova, the Republic of Poland, the Russian Federation, and Ukraine

- Realising that road transport is one of the key interconnecting elements of the multimodal transports system capable to provide transport services on the door-to-door principle;
- Considering that road transport is not merely a means of delivery, but rather a vital and irreplaceable component of social and cultural linkages between countries;
- Taking into account the fact that national legislation which regulates road transport activities should be harmonised with provisions of international law in the interest of robust global social and economic integration;
- Recognising the need for further development of road transport to unify transport infrastructure of the Eurasian countries, guarantee harmonisation of legal framework eliminating administrative barriers and liberalising access to the road transport markets;
- Noting the important role of legislative bodies in establishing legislative framework providing further efficient road transport development including international road transports;
- Emphasising that public transport is one of the most efficient and safe modes of passenger transport and that the EU, together with the IRU, has created the “Smart Move” High-Level Group to double the use of buses and coaches;

- Understanding that to drastically improve road safety countries shall take measures that directly target the main causes of road accidents;
- Supporting fully the initiative of the International Road Transport Union (IRU) to launch an inter-parliamentary forum on road transport regulation

AGREED to:

1. Promote and further facilitate trade and international road transport by harmonising national legislation with the key UN international conventions and agreements related to road transport, including, in particular, the UN Harmonisation and TIR Conventions;
2. Promote and further facilitate international road transport supporting the development of the draft International Agreement on Regular Coach Lines and coordinate it with governments of the Eurasian countries;
3. Contribute to international road transports development by lending full support to the IRU “Smart Move” initiative, aimed at doubling the use of buses and coaches by encouraging the creation of the “IRU Smart Move High-Level Group” in non-EU countries;
4. Confirm the effectiveness of the UN TIR Convention 1975 which effectively facilitates road transport between Eurasian countries and which guarantees security and customs control over international road transports;
5. Continue activities towards the improvement of road safety by launching a study on road transport accidents’ causation involving heavy commercial vehicles on Eurasian roads in order to be able to prevent them in future.

The participants in the meeting express their gratitude to the Transport Committee of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation for organising the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Inter-parliamentary dialogue on modernisation of road transport legislation in Moscow.

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